Accurate Electromagnetics and Antenna Simulations using the FDTD Method

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This presentation will focus on recent developments in the finite difference time domain (FDTD) method for the solution of several electromagnetic and antenna problems. First a brief introduction of the method, its unified formulation, its capabilities, and the integration of linear and non-linear circuit elements in the electromagnetic simulation. Several examples of designing antennas, filters, and RFID tags as well as RCS computations of large targets will be demonstrated. This will be followed by the demonstration of how to examine the numerical results to accurately achieve successful simulations and how to eliminate numerical or geometry assignment errors. The speed up of the FDTD method using graphical processing gaming cards (GPUs) along with the use of different programming languages such as FORTRAN, MATLAB, CUDA, and OpenCL will be highlighted.

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